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**FOR       :** **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004. The Examiner required restriction to one of the following:

- I.      Claims 1-15 and 45-50, drawn to a system for establishing vascular access;



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